

Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2018

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Marsha Semmel, Chair	X		Tina Worden, Vice Chair	X	
Terri Baumann	X		Felecia McFail	X	
Carl Bedell		X	Carol Patch	X	
David Carlson		X	Leonardo Sarli	X	
Andres Dietz-Chavez	X		Carlos Velázquez	X	
Susannah Haworth Dunn	X		Tiffany Young	X	
Robert Goler	X		Jeff Zeeman	X	
Jon Hensley	X				

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Commission Chair Semmel welcomed Commissioners. The regular meeting of the Arlington Commission for the Arts was called to order at 7:07 pm.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Motion to approve minutes from the April 25, 2018 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez. The motion passed with 8 votes for and 4 abstentions (Zeeman, Dunn, McFail, Patch).*

**3. Chair's Report**

- Chair Semmel reported that County Board member Erik Gutshall had a schedule conflict and could not attend the meeting.
- Chair Semmel referred to the history of the Arts Grants Program (see Attachment 1) and an article entitled *A Graphic Re-visioning of Nonprofit Overhead* (see Attachment 2) as interesting material to consider as the Commission advances the Enriching Lives strategy.
- Chair Semmel reported on the meeting between herself, Commissioner Worden and Kim Painter, Chief of Staff and José Quiñónez, Director of Community Impact for Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) to discuss the Enriching Lives Strategy. The meeting yielded conversations about mutual interests, including “*Friendraising*” and the difficulty of successful cultural programming.
- Chair Semmel discussed Avery Erskine’s final report (Attachment 3) and indicated that Vice Chair Worden will be leading the Commission’s Youth Ambassador efforts in the future.

- Chair Semmel requested that Commission members consider volunteering at the Commission’s table at the Arlington County Fair in August. She also indicated that prior to the June meeting, Commissioners will be asked to indicate preferences and interest in committee assignments.
- Vice Chair Worden reported on her work with the Crystal City BID as they create an action plan to guide entertainment and nightlife.

**4. Cultural Affairs Division Chief’s Report**

- Director Isabelle-Stark provided an activity report for CAD (see Attachment 4).

**5. Cultural Facilities Task Force**

- Commissioner Sarli reported that the Task Force has adopted a Community Vision Statement for Cultural Facilities (see Attachment 5). He requested that the Commission review and adopt the following statement:

**We envision a diverse and inclusive community with spaces and places that enable a full range of arts and cultural activity for creation, presentation, enjoyment and education.**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Goler and seconded by Commissioner Patch to adopt Arlington’s Vision for Cultural Facilities as developed by the Cultural Facilities Task Force. The motion carried unanimously.*

**6. Grants Committee Report**

- Commissioner Velázquez outlined the Committee’s recommendations for FY 2018 Challenge Grants (see Attachment 6) and requested that the Commission adopt the following awards:

**FY 2018 Challenge Grant Award Recommendations**

<u>Applicant Organization</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Arlington Philharmonic	\$2,595.21
Bowen McCauley Dance	\$6,516.73
Educational Theatre Company	\$1,018.14
Encore Stage & Studio	\$1,040.99
Jane Franklin Dance	\$2,152.33
Synetic Theater	\$2,284.10
Urban Arias	\$10,000.00
<u>Washington Shakespeare Company</u>	<u>\$4,392.51</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>

*Motion was made by Commissioner Patch and seconded by Commissioner Zeeman to approve FY 2018 Challenge Grants Awards as recommended by the Grants Committee. The motion passed unanimously.*

- Commissioner Velázquez reported that there were no appeals from Arts organizations for FY 2019 Arts Grants.

- Commissioner Velázquez presented the final Grants Committee recommendations for FY 2019 Arts Grants (see Attachment 7) and requested that the Commission forward the following award recommendations to the County Board.

**FY 2019 Individual Artist Grant Award Recommendations**

<u>Individual Artist</u>	<u>Award</u>
Sushmita Mazumdar	\$5,000
Romeo Taylor	\$5,000
<b>Subtotal, Individual Artist Grants</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**FY 2019 Project and Space & Services Grant Award Recommendations**

<u>Organizations</u>	<u>Project Grant</u>	<u>Space &amp; Services</u>
Arlington Arts Center	\$22,400	NA
Arlington Philharmonic Association	\$24,608	Space & Services
The Arlington Players	\$12,387	Space & Services
The Arlingtones	NA	Space & Services
Bowen McCauley Dance	\$21,985	NA
Dominion Stage	\$2,440	Space & Services
Educational Theatre Company	\$8,610	Space & Services
Encore Stage & Studio	\$20,262	Space & Services
Festival Argentino	\$577	Space & Services
Jane Franklin Dance	\$18,886	Space & Services
MusicLink Foundation	\$1,639	Space & Services
The National Chamber Ensemble	\$7,575	Space & Services
Old Dominion Cloggers	NA	Space & Services
Opera NOVA	\$1,128	Space & Services
Potomac Harmony Chorus	NA	Space & Services
Prio Bangla, Inc.	NA	Space & Services
Sentimiento Peruano USA Dance School	NA	Space & Services
Synetic Theater	\$20,553	NA
UrbanArias, Inc.	\$17,887	Space & Services
WSC Avant Bard	\$24,873	Space & Services
<b>Subtotal, Project and Space &amp; Services Grants</b>	<b>\$205,810</b>	
<b>Total, Individual Artist and Organization Grants</b>	<b>\$215,810</b>	

*Motion made by Commissioner Sarli and seconded by Commissioner McFail to recommend that the County Board award direct financial support for FY 2019 Arts Grants as shown. The motion passed unanimously.*

**7. Strategy Committee Report**

- Commissioner Semmel reported that as part of the effort to outreach and implement the Enriching Lives Strategy, she has asked AED to produce small cards that can be handed out as needed. A mock-up of the card was passed around for comment.

**8. Public Art Committee**

- Commissioner Hensley provided an update on several projects including Dark Star Park Day, the PAMP draft, and Fire Station No 8.

**9. Arts and Diversity Committee**

- Commissioner Dietz-Chavez reported that the Committee is continuing to discuss how to move forward. Chair Semmel mentioned that the Commission is considering holding Cultural Equity training for Commission members.

**10. Update on Local Projects**

- Youth Project – No Report.
- Four Mile Run Valley Plan—Commissioner Zeeman reported on his participation as a speaker before the Committee of 100 and at the Planning Commission meeting in May.
- Master Spaces Working Plan (POPS) – Commissioner Sarli reported that a draft of the plan is likely to be presented to the Commission in September.

**11. Old Business**

- None

**12. New Business**

- None

**13. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.*